

**MINUTES**  
**TAHLEQUAH CITY COUNCIL - REGULAR MEETING**  
**MONDAY OCTOBER 2, 2017 - 7:00 PM**  
**CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS – 111 S. CHEROKEE AVE.**

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**1. MEETING CONVENED**

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Meeting **called to order** by Mayor Nichols at 7:00 pm.  
City Clerk DeAnna Hammons Called the **Roll call as follows:**

<b>Present:</b>	Councilor Ward I	Bree Long
	Councilor Ward II	Dower Combs
	Councilor Ward III	Stephen Highers
	Councilor Ward IV	Joshua Bliss – appeared at 7:05pm

**OTHERS PRESENT:** : City Attorney Grant Lloyd, City Administrator Ed Carr, City Treasure Lanny Williams, Street Commissioner Wayne Ryals, Fire Chief Ray Hammons, Police Chief Nate King, Planning and Development Director Clinton Johnson, Personnel Director Jessica Petty, Public Relations Jamie Murphy, News Media Tesina Jackson.

**Invocation – Captain Aaron Garrett with the Tahlequah Fire Department**  
**Flag salute.**

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**2. PUBLIC COMMENTS**

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There were no comments from the public.

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**3. CONSENT AGENDA**

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Councilor Long made the motion and Councilor Combs seconded to approve the consent agenda with exception of removing the Financial Reports from June and July 2017 as follows:

Approve the **minutes** of the August 21<sup>st</sup> , September 5<sup>th</sup> and September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 City Council Meetings.

Approve the **2018 Tahlequah City Holiday Schedule.**

Approve General Fund Budget **Reallocation** in the amount of \$7,000.00 from Operating Reserve for Law Enforcement Uniforms. Re-appoint Doyle Zimbleman to the Recreation Board from Ward 1.

Re-appoint Jeff Reasor to the Tahlequah Industrial Trust Authority Board.

Rescind appointment of Cameron Greenhagen to the Abatement Board as the member from Ward 2.

Re-appoint Pam Koonce to the Abatement Board as the member from Ward 2.

*Vote:* Ayes: Bliss, Long, Combs, Highers Nays: none

Motion carried.

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#### 4. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND REPORTS

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**David and Anita Dick with Green Country Funeral Home presented the Tahlequah Fire Department with a donation of firefighting gloves.**

Recognition of Years of Service for October Employees:

- **Mike Fisher – 30 years – Animal Control**
- **William Harris – 5 years – Street Department**
- **Clinton Johnson – 5 years – Planning and Development**

Tahlequah Police Department.-

Report from Library-

Report from Tahlequah Convention and Visitors Bureau –

Report from Chamber of Commerce -

Report from the Tahlequah Main Street Association –

Reports from City Departments: Parks Department,

Solid Waste –

Street Department – Written

Fire Department –

911 Department –

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#### REGULAR SESSION

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5. The Financial Reports for June and July 2017 were removed from Consent.

6. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to solicit other bids from firms to Compile **2016-2017** fiscal year financials for the **yearly Audit**.

*Vote:* Ayes: Highers, Bliss, Long, Combs Nays: none Motion Carried

7. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to approve a Resolution enter into the **Amended the lease purchase agreement for six (6) vehicles in the Police Department.**

*Vote:* Ayes: Bliss, Long, Combs, Highers Nays: none Motion Carried

8. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to **promote a Kenny Barnes as a Captain** in the **Fire Department**.

*Vote:* Ayes: Long, Combs, Highers, Bliss Nays: none Motion Carried

9. Councilor Bliss made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to **promote Joe Enlow Jr. as a Lieutenant** in the **Fire Department**.

*Vote:* Ayes: Combs, Highers, Bliss, Long, Nays: none Motion Carried

10. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to **hire Heath Pennington as a Firefighter** in the **Fire Department**.

*Vote:* Ayes: Highers, Bliss, Long, Combs Nays: none Motion Carried

11. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Bliss seconded to **accept the Resignation of Paige Budder**, as the **Administrative Assistant** in the Managerial Department, effective October 12, 2017.

*Vote:* Ayes: Bliss, Long, Combs, Highers, Nays: none Motion Carried

12. Councilor Bliss made a motion and Councilor Combs seconded to **approve the Proposed Lease Renewal Agreement** between the **Oklahoma Department of Corrections** and the City of Tahlequah for the property located at **311 S Muskogee, Tahlequah, OK 74464** with the term date of June 30, 2018.

*Vote:* Ayes: Long, Combs Highers, Bliss Nays: none Motion Carried

13. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to **accept a bid from Ross Construction in the amount of \$825,774.00** for the **Bluff Avenue Resurfacing** project.

*Vote:* Ayes: Combs, Highers, Bliss, Abstained: Long Motion Carried

14. Councilor Long made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to **approve a payment** in the amount of **\$240,000** for the **investment** of City funds.

*Vote:* Ayes: Highers, Bliss, Long, Combs Nays: none Motion Carried

15. No action was taken to **approve a land lease** agreement with the **Cherokee's for Black Indian History Preservation Foundation**.

16. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to **amend Rental and Operating Policy** for the **Armory Municipal Center**. Regular Renter Discount: A 25% discount from the standard room rental rate is available to individuals or groups who rent Center facilities one or more days per month for a minimum of six consecutive months. Group's renting Center facilities for a minimum of 12 consecutive months will receive a 50% discount from standard rates.

*Vote:* Ayes: Combs, Highers, Mayor Nays: Bliss Abstained: Long  
Motion Carried

17. **PROPOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION** – Councilor Highers made a motion and Councilor Long seconded to exit Regular session and enter into Executive Session at 8:15 p.m.

*Vote:* Ayes: Combs, Highers, Bliss, Long Nays: none Motion Carried

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- ❖ Discussion on the purchase or of **real property**, as provided in O. S. Title 25, Section 307 (B) (3).
  - ❖ Discussion to enter into an Agreement with Tahlequah Industrial Authority related to utilization of limited City resources, as provided in O.S. Title 25 Section 307 (B) (1) , (2) and/or (4)
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18. Mayor Nichols **Reconvened** Regular Meeting at 8:40 p.m.

19. There was no action taken to **purchase real property**.

20. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to enter in to an **Agreement** with **Tahlequah Industrial Authority** related to utilization of Limited City resources.

*Vote:* Ayes: Long, Combs, Highers Nays: none Abstained: Bliss  
Motion Carried

21. The mid-month **special meeting** will be held **October 16, 2017** at 7:00pm.

22. Councilor Combs made a motion and Councilor Highers seconded to **Adjourn** at 8:44 p.m.

*Vote:* Ayes: Long, Combs, Highers, Bliss Nays: none Motion Carried

